

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8, 9, 10 and 12 as shown below, in which insertions are indicated by underline and deletions are indicated with strikethrough or by double brackets. Please add new claim 19. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Original) A device for removing earwax which adheres to a signal outputting portion of a hearing aid, comprising:

a case; and

a brush provided in the case.

2. (Previously Presented) A device for removing earwax according to claim 1, further comprising:

a liquid retaining member, for retaining a cleaning liquid, also provided in a case.

3. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 2, wherein the liquid retaining member is provided in the same case as the brush.

4. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 2, wherein the case in which the brush is provided forms an upper case and the case in which the liquid retaining member is provided forms a lower case which mates with the upper case so as to become a unitary case.

5. (Previously Presented) A device for removing earwax which adheres to a signal outputting portion of a hearing aid, comprising:

a case;

a brush provided in the case, and
a liquid retaining member, for retaining a cleaning liquid, provided in the case,
wherein the brush is comprised of a hair structure arranged on the liquid retaining member.

6. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, further comprising a vibration driving means having the case fixed thereto for imparting at least one of vibration, rotating movement, reciprocating movement and two-dimensional movement to the case.

7. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 1, further comprising at least one of a hearing aid drying case and a hearing aid carrying case.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The device for removing earwax which adheres to a signal outputting portion of a hearing aid according to claim 1,~~ comprising:

a case which is constructed of a case body and a lid, and

[[a]] the brush which is provided in at least one of the case body [[and]] or the lid.

9. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 8, further comprising an anti-slip member ~~[[is]] provided on at least one of an outer top surface of the lid and an outer~~ a bottom surface of the case body and a top surface of the lid.

10. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 8, wherein an anti-slip member is provided on at least one of a ~~an outer~~ peripheral surface of the case body and a peripheral surface of the lid.

11. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 8, wherein the case body is divided into a brush accommodating section and a cleaning member accommodating section.

12. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 2, wherein the case body or the lid in which the liquid retaining member is provided is different than the case body or the lid in which the brush is provided.

13. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 2, further comprising means for imparting at least one of vibration, rotating movement, reciprocating movement and two-dimensional movement to the case in which the brush is provided, and the case in which the brush is provided is fixed to said means.

14. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 5, further comprising a vibration driving means having the case fixed thereto for imparting at least one of vibration, rotating movement, reciprocating movement and two-dimensional movement to the case.

15. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 5, further comprising at least one of a hearing aid drying case and a hearing aid carrying case.

16. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 11, further comprising a partition disposed in said case body between said sections.

17. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 9, wherein the case body is divided into a brush accommodating section and a cleaning member accommodating section.

18. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein the case body is divided into a brush accommodating section and a cleaning member accommodating section.

19. (New) A device for removing earwax which adheres to a signal outputting portion of a hearing aid, comprising:

a case;

a brush provided in the case; and

an anti-slip member provided on an outer surface of a portion of the case.